बीजों का आयात

1259. **चौधरी हरी सिंह :** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि तिलहनों, दालों, मोटे अनाज, सब्जियों और फूलों के बीजों का आयात सरकार की नीति के अनुरूप किया जा रहा है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो वर्ष 1989-90 के दौरान कितनी मात्रा में और किन देशों से इन बीजों का आयात किया गया ?

उप प्रधान मंत्री और कृषि मंत्री (श्री देवी लाल) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) एक विवरण संलग्न है ।

विवरण

क्रम सं०	बीजों के प्रकार	मात्रा (कि०ग्रा० में)	देश का नाम जहां से आयात किया गया
1.	मोटे अनाज	68.3	जापान, संयुक्त राज्य अमरीका ।
2.	तिलहन	174.6	स्पेन, आस्ट्रेलिया, संयुक्त राज्य अमरीका, स्वीडन, सोवियत रूस ।
3.	दलहन	5	संयुक्त राज्य अमरीका, हालैंड ।
4.	सब्जियां	81311.08	हालैंड, जापान, संयुक्त राज्य अमरीका, कोरिया, ब्रिटेन, पश्चिम जर्मनी, डेनमार्क, न्यूजीलेंड, फ्रांस, ताइवान ।
5.	फूल	139.5	हालैंड, फ्रांस, संयुक्त राज्य अमरीका ।
		81699.2	किलो ग्राम

Setting up of a committee to give status of industry to agriculture

1260. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a long standing demand of the farming community that agriculture should get status equal to industry;

(b) whether Government had set up a Committee to go into the various aspects of this demand; and

(c) if so, what are its findings and Government's response thereto?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Report of the Committee is awaited.

Dwelling units to Jhuggi dwellers

1261. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of URBAN pEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of Jhuggi dwellers in Delhi;

(b) whether Government propose to provide dwelling units to all of them;

(c) if so, the steps taken in that direction- and

(d) the details of the schemes introduced and implemented by Government to provide proper rehabilitation to the jhuggi dwellers?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) 8. 20 lakh, as per available projections of the Delhi Administration.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to Part (b) above.

(d) The following basic amenities under the scheme of Environment Improvement of Jhuggi Jhompri Clusters in situ have been|are being provided: —

(i) Drinking water

(ii) street light

(iii) 'pay and use' toilets and baths

(iv) paved pathways in streets

(v) drainage and

(vi) garbage bins.

Involvement of middleman in the import of sugar

1262. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI;
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATTL:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article published in the Sunday Mail, dated the 17th December, 1989 regarding the import of sugar. and the various allegations made therein;

(b) if so, whether a thorough probe has been made to see whether the allegations are correct and whether any middleman has benefitted and if so, the action taken by Government in that regard; and

(c) whether Government propose to monitor strictly in import of sugar, rice or any other essential commodity which affect seriously the poorer people, through Government agencies?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At present certain preliminary investigations relating to import of sugar during October-November, '89 are being undertaken by the Investigating Agencies of the Government.

(c) Government keeps constant review of availability of rice, sugar and other essential commodities and resorts to imports as and when necessary.

Setting up of new sugar factories

1263. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATTL;

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the present guidelines for setting up of new sugar factories are a little inconvenient; if so, whether the guidelines in few cases are not pragmatic particularly on stipulation and distance between two different factories; and

(b) whether in view of the necessary of increased production and in some cases geophysical considerations where sugarcane is abundant to sustain one or two more sugar factories in the same zone some pragmatic relaxation is likely to be permitted?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) and (b) The Central Government is considering such issues and is in the process of formulating a new sugar licensing policy which would be announced shortly.